space of twenty and odd years in his absence from his native country , wherein is truly deciphered the sundry shapes of wild beasts, birds, fishes. Jowls, roots, plants, etc

This Hortop being bom at Bourne in Lincolnshire became servant to a gunpowder maker of Rednffe, in whose service he was pressed to serve in Sir John Hawkins' Guinea Voyage in 1567, and appointed to be gunner in the *Jesus of Lubec* After many sufferings he returned to England in December last Relateth many strange stones of things seen in his travels In Guinea two of the company were slam by a sea horse who ate them , this sea horse being a beast in form like a horse in all proportions, saving that his feet are very short, and his teeth very great, long, and crooked like to the tusks of a wild boar In this place also be many elephants which the negroes take by policy, for in the day time they search out the haunt of the beast which is every night against a great tree Then they sever the tree almost in sunder, whereby the elephant coming at night, leaneth against it and falleth on his belly, whereby he cannot rise, being of a huge bigness, whereupon he roareth and the negroes come and kill him The elephant hath a great trunk in his nose wherein he draws the negroes to him and kills them

In the island of Corasa called the River de Latch, they took a monstrous ahgarta , a beast which hath a head like a hog, bodied like a serpent and full of scales on the back, every one as broad as a saucer, his tail long and full of knots, of which one was taken by seven men in the pinnace, using a dog as bait ,* and as soon as the ahgarta had swallowed the dog they rowed hard until it was choked This beast was four and twenty feet long by the carpenter's rule , and his skin after being

flayed was stuffed with straw to have been brought to England, but the shjp perished by the way

The General and the other ships soon after came into the port of San Juan de Ullva thiough stress of weather, where hostages were exchanged with the Spaniards that no occasion for breach of the league might be given, on our side six of the gentlemen, on the Spaniards' six arrayed in rich habits in the apparel of gentlemen but indeed the basest slaves in their com-pany But in a few days the Spaniards treacherously set upon the English ships and sunk four, Sir John Hawkins scarcely